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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS

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SUBJECT: SAUDI OPINIONS OF KING HUSSEIN

1. ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE, NOW IN JIDDA, TELLS US HE HAS JUST SPENT FOUR WEEKS AS GUEST OF KING HUSSEIN. THEY DISCUSSED THE HOSTILITY SAUDIS, AND ESPECIALLY KING FAISAL, FEEL AND SHOW TOWARD HUSSEIN. HUSSEIN ASKED BORCHGRAVE IF HE COULD FIND OUT THE REASONS FOR THIS "INEXPLICABLE ATTITUDE."
2. THERE ARE SEVERAL. THE FIRST IS THAT HUSSEIN IS A HASHEMITE AND THE SAUDIS FOR A VARIETY OF HISTORICAL REASONS DON'T LIKE HASHEMITES. THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN DO ABOUT THIS.
3. THEN, ANY FURTHER RAPPROCHEMENT WITH HUSSEIN WOULD ALIENATE THE PLO AND OTHER ARABS. FAISAL CHERISHES HIS ROLE AS PAN-ARAB LEADER BUT THIS NEED NOT BE AN INSURMOUNTABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN.
4. TWO THINGS FULLY IN HUSSEIN'S POWER TO CHANGE ARE HIS ATTITUDES AND HIS DRESS. WHEN HE COMES HERE IT SHOULD BE TO ASK ADVICE AND HELP FROM A

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WISE MONARCH WHO IS OLDER THAN HIS FATHER. INSTEAD

HUSSEIN AND HIS MINISTERS COME ON TOO STRONG; THEY DEMAND, THEY DO NOT SEEK ASSISTANCE; THEY TELL, THEY DO NOT ASK. A SHOW OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEFERENCE TOWARD FAISAL COULD HELP JORDANIANS CONSIDERABLY.

5. THE LAST TIME HE ARRIVED IN JIDDA HUSSEIN DESCENDED FROM THE PLANE WEARING A TIGHT PURPLE SUIT AND HIGH-HEELED SHOES. THIS WAS NOTED AND QUICKLY REPEATED THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM WITH MALICIOUS GLEE. WE UNDERSTAND HE DOESN'T LIKE TO BE KNOWN AS A BEDOUIN KING - ALTHOUGH THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT - PARTICULARLY IN THIS COUNTRY. NO ONE EXPECTS HIM TO WEAR FLOWING WHITE ROBES, BUT HE WOULD MAKE A MUCH BETTER IMPRESSION HERE IF HE WORE HIS USUAL UNIFORM AND RED-CHECKERED KAFFIA.

6. HUSSEIN IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN RIYADH TOMORROW (SEPT 15) FOR MEETING WITH KING FAISAL.
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